The University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot is being developed as a "learning hub" to achieve excellence in developing skilled intellectual man power resource base, innovative research programmes to enhance the quality production of fruits, vegetables, flowers, spices, medicinal and aromatic crops to develop the processing and value addition technologies to minimize the wastage and price fall during glut in the markets; All the teaching campuses have been provided with the required staff and construction of buildings (college and hostels) is in progress at all the campuses. This year, the university is able to concentrate on the research programmes and it will be followed by the concentrated efforts on development of an effective extension system to reach the farmers.

During the couple of months under report, several decisions have been taken for allround development of the main campus at Bagalkot. Several projects have been prepared and submitted for funding to various agencies including "centres of excellence" and "Niche areas" research programmes. The proposals have been also sent to ICAR for starting new AICRP centres, ATIC, Farmers hostel, Library, Staff Training Unit etc. at the main campus of the university. The allround development of the University is possible because of sustained efforts of the staff and helping hands from outside the university who need to be congratulated for making this university visible at national and international forum.

**Foundation Stone Laying Ceremony at College of Horticulture, Mysore**

Shri S.A. Ravindranath, Hon’ble Minister for Horticulture and Sugar, GOK, laid the foundation stone for the college building of COH, Mysore, Shri S. A. Ramdas, Hon’ble Minister for Medical Education and District In-charge Minister of Mysore, GOK, laid the foundation stone for the Boys’ Hostel of the College and Shri Siddaramaiah, Hon’ble Opposition Leader, Karnataka Legislative Assembly, GOK laid the foundation stone for the Girls’ Hostel of the College at HRS, Yelachanahalli, Yelwal, Mysore. The ministers and other dignitaries addressed the gathering after laying the foundation stone on 09.05.2012.
Seminar on “Integrated Farming System” was organized by the College of Horticulture, Mysore at the premises of the HRS, Yalachanahalli, Yelwal, Mysore on 9-5-2012. Dr. S. Linghaiah, Special Officer & Campus Head, PG & RHREC, UHS Campus, GKVK, Bangalore, inaugurated the Seminar and addressed the Farmers.

Amla Field day and Interface meeting of stake holders was organized at Krishi Vigyana Kendra, Hirehalli (Tumkur) on 12.04.2012. The programme was inaugurated by Shri Siddagangamath Swamiji. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor released the book on this occasion on Amla.

Farm Development Committee visited the research stations in the southern zone of Karnataka during April-may 2012 and the final meeting was held at RHREC, Bangalore on 09-06-2012.

College Day and Hostel Day Celebrations were organized at COH, Sirsi on 26th April, 2012. Shri R. J. Joshi, Chief Executive Officer, Karwar inaugurated the programme and stressed the importance of Horticulture in state economy and advised the Horticulture students to work hard to extend the knowledge to the farming community by way of producing good seedlings and distributing them to the farmers at the reasonable price so as to enhance the productivity. Dr. A.B. Patil, Registrar, UHS, Bagalkot and Shri Revannaswamy, Deputy Director of Sericulture, Sirsi were the Chief Guests. Dr. A. B. Patil, advised the students to prepare for higher studies and competitive examinations like IAS, KAS, JRF etc., Dr. B. S. Janagoudar, Dean, COH, Sirsi presided over the function and advised the students to work hard with sincerity and honesty, to bring laurels to the college. During the function, a souvenir “Sinchana” containing the students’ activities of the college, was released by Shri R. J. Joshi CEO, Karwar. Various sports and cultural activities were organized on the eve of college / hostel day celebration and Prizes were distributed to the winners. University Blues of the college were felicitated during the function. Dr. Gurumurthy S. B. and Dr. Pushpa P. the wardens of the hostel, all the staff, members and students were present on the occasion. Various Cultural events were organized during the occasion.

AICRP review meet was organized at RHREC, Dharwad (Kumbapur) on 15.05.2012. Dr. S. I. Athani, Special Officer, RHREC, Kumbapur, Dharwad welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates. Dr. S. B. Dandin Hon’ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. M .B. Madalageri, Director of Research, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal Director of Extension and Dr. Ashok Alur, Special Officer (PPMC) were present. Suggestions were given for betterment of experiments conducted under different AICRPs. Dr. T. B. Alloli, Professor proposed vote of thanks.
Krishi Mela at Gadag

Krishi mela was organized by Tontadarya math Swamiji at Gadag on 06.04.2012. Our University participated and exhibition was arranged during the Krishi Mela at Gadag. The Hon’ble Vice Chancellor Dr. S. B. Dandin inaugurated the exhibition. Dr. R. R. Hanchinal, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor UAS, Dharwad was also present during the occasion and addressed the farmers. Directors of Extension and Research also participated.

Meetings

Academic Council Meeting

Seventh meeting of the Academic Council of University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot was held on 18. 04. 2012. Director of Education welcomed the Chairman and Council Members for the 7th Academic Council Meeting and suggested all the Deans to review the performance of staff of their respective colleges at-least once in three months and encourage all the students to take JRF exam. The number of JRF secured is one of the main indicators of the performance evaluation of the institution. ICAR has sanctioned 6 experiential learning units to different colleges of University of Horticultural Sciences, Bagalkot and requested to implement the same in a proper manner within the stipulated time and as per the guidelines. Hon’ble Vice-Chancellor suggested to conduct the monthly staff meeting and each teacher should try to get one external funded project. It was decided that after the completion of training programmes, the trainees should submit training report and give a lecture about the learnings in training programmes.

Research Council Meeting

Research Council Meeting was held on 21.05.2012 at Udyanagiri, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr. H. B. Patil, Special Officer, (HQ) welcomed all the members of Research Council to the meeting. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor and Chairman of the council briefed about the overall progress and development activities of the University since its inception. This year onwards, more emphasis will be given to research and extension activities. He brought to the notice of the house about the major milestones of the university in Teaching, Research and Extension. He also stressed the need for quality research. Dr. M. B. Madalageri, Director of Research presented the action taken report on the suggestions made in the 2nd research council, the progress of research activities in 2011-12, the plan of research activities and target fixed for planting material/seed production during the year 2012-13. Suggestions were given by the Members for the improvement of research activities. The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks to the chair and members by the Director of Research.

Extension Education Council Meeting

Third Extension Education Council was held on 22.05.2012 at Udyanagiri, UHS, Bagalkot. Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Member Secretary, EEC and Director of Extension welcomed Chairman and all the members of the Extension Education Council to the third meeting and requested the Chairman to conduct the deliberations. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon’ble Vice Chancellor and Chairman briefed about the progress of development of the University for the last three years and gave an introductory remark about how the extension system needs to take the technologies to the farmers which are effective. He welcomed Dr. R. N. Hegde, Horticulture Development Professional, Mr. Umesh Bagur, General Manager, KAPPEC, Bangalore and Dr. Vishakanta, MD, KAPPEC, Bangalore, Dr. L. B. Naik, IIHR, Dr. V. S. Patil, Mr. Abdul Rauf sab, Mr. Devandrappa Balutagi on behalf of the University to give valuable suggestions. Director of Extension, presented the action taken report on the recommendations of the second EEC meeting, the progress of extension activities during 2011 -12 and the plan of the extension activities proposed for 2012-13, with respect to demonstrations, trainings, publications, field days etc. Several suggestions were given by the chairman and members. The meeting was concluded with vote of thanks by the Director of Extension.
Global Conference on Horticulture for Food, Nutrition and Livelihood options at Bhubaneshwar

Global conference on "Horticulture for Food, Nutrition and Livelihood Options" was held at Bhubaneshwar from 28 to 31 May 2012. Dr. S. B. Dandin, Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal, Director of Extension, Dr. M. B. Madalgeri, Director of Research and other scientists had participated in the Conference. The Exhibition stall was put up at the "national exhibition on mango diversity" organized during the global conference on horticulture. The AICRP scientists of the university participated in the event. The University was one of the collaborators of this event.

Zonal Horticultural Research and Extension workshop

Zonal Horticultural Research and Extension workshop was held at Dharwad from 02-04-2012 to 03-04-2012. Dr. S. I. Athani, Special Officer, RHREC, Dharwad welcomed all the dignitaries and delegates. Hon'ble Vice Chancellor Dr. S. B. Dandin, Dr. M. B. Madalgeri, Director of Research, Dr. Y. K. Kotikal Director of Extension, UHS Bagalkot and Dr. L. Krishna Naik, Director of Extension & Research, UAS Dharwad, and other dignitaries were present. Dr. T. B. Allolli, Professor delivered vote of thanks to all the VIP’s and delegates.

Gyana Degula Premier Education Fair 2012 Fair

"Gyana Degula Premier Education Fair 2012" (Temple of Knowledge) was organized by Deccan Herald and Prajavani News Papers held at Palace Grounds, Bangalore, from 26th and 27th May 2012 to bring professionals, subject experts and renowned institutes to showcase variety of educational programmes in different fields. Our University was one among 70 participants. This annual event was a true gateway for students for successful career planning and skill enhancement. Dr. H. B. Lingaigh, Special Officer, PG Centre, Bangalore, Dr. S. Jagannath Professor (Fruit Science) PG Centre, Bangalore, colleagues and other staff members from UHS, Bagalkot had participated in this fair.

Awards

Dr. S. B. Dandin Hon’ble Vice Chancellor was honoured with the fellowship of CHAI (Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India) as Honorary Fellow by Dr. H. P. Singh, Deputy Director General of Horticulture, New Delhi at Global Conference on "Horticulture for Food, Nutrition and Livelihood Options" at Bhubaneshwar on 28.05.2012 - 30.05.2012

Similarly Dr. Balaji S. Kulkarni, Associate Professor was also honoured with the fellowship of CHAI (Confederation of Horticulture Associations of India) during the occasion of Global Conference on “Horticulture for Food, Nutrition and Livelihood Options” at Bhubaneshwar on 28.05.2012 - 30.05.2012.

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